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ARMY WELFARE BOARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of district/State Army Welfare Boards;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending before the Government for strengthening these Army Welfare Boards; and

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): There are no boards known as District/State Army Welfare Boards. However, for the welfare of ex-servicemen, their families and also for the families of serving personnel 352 Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) and 32 Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) exist in the country. These boards are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and function in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB). The review of functioning of these boards is a continuous process and is being done at the State as well as the Central Government level. In the last KSB meeting held on 19th May, 2007, certain matters like financial assistance for provision of vehicles, enhanced support for establishment expenditure, filling up of vacant posts, revision of pay-scales of officials, improvements in redressal of grievances mechanism at State/District level in respect of RSBs/ZSBs were taken up and State Governments were requested to take immediate steps to address these issues.